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THIS IS CINCLANTFLT OPOD 45-62 (REVISED). EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY  
REFERENCE A IS CANCELLED AND SUPERSEDED BY THIS REVISED ORDER.  
PARA SITUATION. THE INCREASED INFLUX OF ARMS AND OFFENSIVE  
WEAPONS INTO CUBA HAS REACHED A LEVEL WHICH CAUSES CUBA TO BE  
A THREAT TO THE DEFENSE OF NATIONS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

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THEATRE IN ORDER IT HAS DIRECTED CINCLANTFLT TO CONDUCT A NAVAL QUARANTINE WITH THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING THE IMPORTATION OF PROHIBITIVE WEAPONS, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS PROHIBITED MATERIALS, INTO CUBA AND ULTIMATELY THE WITHDRAWAL OF SUCH WEAPONS FROM THE ISLAND. THIS OPORD PROVIDES FOR SUCH A NAVAL QUARANTINE ESTABLISHMENT OF AIR QUARANTINE WILL BE HANDLED BY SEPARATE OPORD OR ORDER

PARA 1. ACTION. CONDUCT A NAVAL QUARANTINE OF DESIGNATED SHIPPING DESTINED FOR CUBA IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE IMPORTATION OF PROHIBITED MATERIALS INTO CUBA. (SEE ANNEX A-CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS)

PARA EXECUTION.

A. COMSECDEFLETC (TF 20 29).

(1) COMSECDEFLETC IN NEWPORT NEWS. DESIGNATED QUARANTINE FORCE COMMANDER (CTF 136), CONDUCT QUARANTINE OPERATIONS.

(2) DESIGNATE COMCRUDESFLOT 6 IN CANBERRA AS SURFACE QUARANTINE GROUP COMMANDER.

(3) FORM TF 136 QUARANTINE FORCE WITH THE FOLLOWING FORCES:

(A) 12 DD TYPE INCLUDING 1 EDD PROVIDED BY COMOPTEVFOR.

(B) 1 CAG 1 CA (FF)

(C) 1 CVS PROVIDED BY COMTRALANT, WITH 4 DD PROVIDED BY COMASWFORLANT.

(D) 40'S AS REQUIRED.

(4) SUBMIT CONTACT REPORTS WITH FLASH PRECEDENCE. MAKE AMPLIFYING REPORTS OF SIGNIFICANT INTERCEPTION/VISIT AND SEARCH DEVELOPMENTS BY OPIMMEDIATE MESSAGE, CLASSIFIED SECRET AND ADDRESSED FOR ACTION TO CINCLANTFLT, INFO CNO, CINCLANT, AND JCS. IN ADDITION, SUBMIT SITREPS EVERY FOUR HOURS TO SAME ADDRESSEES. NO CHANGE SITREPS ARE REQUIRED. MAKE SUMMARY SITREPS OF YOUR FORCES AND THEIR ACTIVITIES EVERY EIGHT HOURS.

(5) ESTABLISH LIAISON WITH AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED FROM COMEASTAREA COGARD IN REGARD TO BOARDING, VISIT AND SEARCH MATTERS.

B. COMOPTEVFOR:

(1) CHOP WITEK (EDD 848) TO COMSECDEFLETC (CTF 136).

C. COMASWFORLANT (TF 81 83):

(1) CONDUCT AIR SURVEILLANCE AS REQUESTED BY COMMANDER QUARANTINE FORCE.

(2) PROVIDE 4 DD TO COMCARDIV 18 IN ESSEX.

D. COMTRALANT:

(1) CHOP COMCARDIV 18 IN ESSEX (CVS-9) TO COMSECDEFLETC (CTF 136).

X. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

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(1) THIS OPORD EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING UPON RECEIPT AND FOR EXECUTION WHEN ISSUED.

(2) DIRECTION AND CONTROL COMMANDS AS RELAYED, KEEPING CINCLANTFLT ADVISED.

(3) RUSSIAN INTERPRETERS WILL BE PROVIDED BY PUBERS.

PARA ADMIN. INSTRUCTIONS AND CINCLANTFLT OPORD 1-64. PUBLIC INFO ANNEX SHALL BE PROMULGATED SEPARATELY.

PARA COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

A. COMMUNICATIONS AND LANTFLT CONNOPLAN.

B. CINCLANTFLT AT AS NORVAL.

ANNEX - CONCEPT OF OPERATION.

1. GENERAL. QUARANTINE STATIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN A AREA THROUGH WHICH SOVIET AND SHIPPING NORMALLY PASS. MAJORITY OF BULK SHIPPING TO CUBA PASSED BETWEEN THE COORDINATED STATION AT 20N 85W UNTIL FURTHER DIRECTED. NAVAL INTERCEPT STATIONS WILL BE SET OUT ON THE BASIS THAT THE POSITION OF INTERCEPT WITH SHIPS WILL TAKE PLACE OUT OF THE EFFECTIVE RANGE OF AIRCRAFT KNOWN TO BE OPERATIONAL FROM ESTABLISHED CUBAN BASES. SHOULD OTHER ALLIED FRIENDLY NATIONS OFFER ASSISTANCE IN ENFORCING THE QUARANTINE, QUARANTINING FORCES WILL COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE FORCES OF THOSE NATIONS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE QUARANTINE.

2. PROCEDURES FOR VISIT, SEARCH, DIVERSION AND TAKING INTO CUSTODY.

A. ALL SHIPS, INCLUDING COMBATANT, SURFACE AND SUB-SURFACE, SOVIET AND NON-SOVIET, DESIGNATED BY CINCLANTFLT ON BASIS OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO HIM WILL BE INTERCEPTED BY THIS FORCE. SHIPS NOT SO DESIGNATED ARE NOT TO BE INTERFERED WITH. IF CINCLANTFLT OR THE COMMANDER OF THE INTERCEPTING SHIP BELIEVES THE INTERCEPTED SHIP MAY BE CARRYING PROHIBITED MATERIAL TO CUBA, A VISIT AND SEARCH WILL BE MADE TO VERIFY THE BELIEF. PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE CASE OF VISIT AND SEARCH WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 502 OF NWIP 12-2 EXCEPT THAT, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED, SECTION 2 OF SECTION 502(b) WILL NOT BE APPLICABLE. LOG ENTRIES WILL NOT STATE THAT PRIZE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN INVOKED OR ARE BEING FOLLOWED. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AS TO LOG ENTRIES WILL FOLLOW IN SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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B. SHIPS WHICH AFTER BEING INTERCEPTED SIGNAL THEIR INTENTION TO PROCEED TO NON-CUBAN PORTS MAY BE RELEASED WITHOUT VISIT OR SEARCH. THE COMMANDER OF THE INTERCEPTING SHIP MAY PRESCRIBE COURSES FOR THE INTERCEPTED SHIP TO FOLLOW. SURVEILLANCE WILL BE MAINTAINED OVER SUCH INTERCEPTED SHIPS. ANY SHIP WHICH FAILS TO PROCEED AS ELECTED OR DIRECTED, OR WHICH ATTEMPTS TO PROCEED TO A CUBAN PORT, WILL BE STOPPED AND, BOARDED. IF A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION FOR THE FAILURE TO PROCEED AS ELECTED OR DIRECTED IS NOT PROMPTLY FORTHCOMING, THE SHIP WILL BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND DIVERTED TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PORTS UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE BY CINCLANTFLT OR GUARANTINE FORCE COMMANDER, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA., CHARLESTON, S.C., ROOSEVELT ROAD OR SAN JUAN P.R.

C. ANY SHIP WHICH IS DETERMINED BY THE COMMANDER OF THE INTERCEPTING SHIP TO BE CARRYING NO PROHIBITED MATERIAL SHALL BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO CUBA.

D. SHIPS WHICH ARE TO BE VISITED WILL BE STOPPED, IN SIGNIFYING HIS INTENT TO STOP A SHIP. THE COMMANDER OF THE INTERCEPTING SHIP WILL USE ALL AVAILABLE COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL CODE SIGNALS, FLG HOISTS, BLINKING LIGHTS, RADIO, LOUD SPEAKERS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MEANS. FAILING THIS, WARNING SHOTS ACROSS THE BOW SHOULD BE FIRED OR, IN CASE OF SUBMARINES, EQUIVALENT WARNING ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN. FAILING THIS, MINIMUM FORCE MAY BE USED, ATTEMPTING IF POSSIBLE TO DAMAGE ONLY NON-VITAL PARTS OF THE INTERCEPTED SHIP, SUCH AS THE RUDDER, AND ATTEMPTING TO AVOID INJURY OR LOSS OF LIFE.

E. VISIT AND SEARCH OF A STOPPED SHIP SHALL CONSIST OF EXAMINING THE MAINFEST AND INSPECTING THE CARGO. IN THE EVENT VISIT IS REFUSED, THE SHIP MAY BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, A BOARDING PARTY SHALL BE PLACED ON BOARD, FORCEFUL BOARDING AND CONTROL OF THE SHIP'S OPERATION MAY BE NECESSARY. IF BOARDING MEETS WITH ORGANIZED RESISTANCE, THE SHIP WILL BE DESTROYED.

F. IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO DESTROY A SHIP, AMPLE WARNING SHOULD BE GIVEN TO INTENTIONS IN ORDER TO PERMIT SUFFICIENT TIME FOR DEBARKATION OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW. ASSISTANCE SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS.

G. SHIPS BELIEVED TO BE CARRYING PROHIBITED MATERIAL SHALL BE DIRECTED TO PROCEED TO SUCH NON-CUBAN PORT AS THE OWNERS OR MASTER MAY ELECT. THE COMMANDER OF THE

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INTERCEPTING SHIP MAY DESIGNATE A PORT TO BE FOLLOWED.  
 - INTERCEPTING SHIP WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH INTERCEPTED  
 SHIP. IF SHIP IS VISITED BY SHIP OR AIRCRAFT AT A NON-UGAN PORT,  
 WILL BE HANDLED AS ESTABLISHED IN PARAGRAPH 2B ABOVE.

H. IF A SHIP IS VISITED BY SHIP OR AIRCRAFT IS REFUSED, THE  
 COMMANDER OF THE INTERCEPTING SHIP WILL TAKE THE INTERCEPTED  
 SHIP INTO CUSTODY IF HE HAS REASONABLE GROUNDS FOR SUSPECTING  
 THAT IT IS CARRYING PROHIBITED MATERIALS. IT WILL BE DIVERTED  
 TO A DESIGNATED U.S. PORT FOR DISPOSITION.

I. ANY SHIPS, INCLUDING SURFACE WARSHIPS, ARMED MERCHANT  
 SHIPS OR SUBMARINES, OR ANY AIRCRAFT, WHICH INTERFERE OR  
 THREATEN TO INTERFERE WITH A U.S. SHIP ENGAGED IN VISIT AND  
 SEARCH WILL BE TREATED AS HOSTILE AND MAY BE ENGAGED TO  
 THE EXTENT REQUIRED TO TERMINATE THE INTERFERENCE. ANY  
 SHIPS, INCLUDING SURFACE WARSHIPS, ARMED MERCHANT SHIPS,  
 OR SUBMARINES OR ANY AIRCRAFT WHICH TAKE ACTIONS WHICH  
 CAN REASONABLY BE CONSIDERED AS THREATENING A U.S. SHIP  
 ENGAGED IN VISIT AND SEARCH MAY BE SUBJECT TO ATTACK  
 TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED TO TERMINATE THE THREAT. PERMISSION  
 IS GRANTED COINCIDENT WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF QUARANTINE  
 TO IMMEDIATELY ENGAGE AND DESTROY ANY ROMAR CLASS PCMC  
 WHICH MAKES A HOSTILE APPROACH ON U.S. NAVAL FORCES OR  
 U. S. MERCHANT SHIPS.

3. DEFINITIONS. OFFENSIVE WEAPONS REFERRED TO AS "PROHIBITED  
 MATERIAL" IN THIS OPORD

INCLUDES PATROL CRAFT, MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT OR OTHER  
 CRAFT WITH ARMAMENT PROVISIONS, AND THEIR ARMAMENT,  
 INCLUDING SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES; BOMBER AND  
 FIGHTER-BOMBER AIRCRAFT; BOMBS; AIR-TO-SURFACE ROCKETS  
 AND GUIDED MISSILES; WARHEADS FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE WEAPONS;  
 MECHANICAL OR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT OR OPERATE  
 THE ABOVE ITEMS.

4. MODIFICATIONS TO PARAS TWO AND THREE THIS ANNEX WILL  
 BE PROMULGATED IF NECESSARY.

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